



# Ephesians

A CHURCH ALIVE IN CHRIST



GRACE COMMUNITY CHAPEL

# Grace Community Chapel

Weekly Bulletin - March 2, 2025

Access the Digital Connection Card at [gcchapel.org/connect](http://gcchapel.org/connect).

## Sundays at GCC

8:30 AM

Traditional Worship Service  
Classes for Adults and Kids  
(nursery - grade 5)

9:50 AM

Contemporary Worship Service  
Classes for Adults, Youth, and Kids  
(nursery - grade 5)

11:15 AM

Contemporary Worship Service  
Classes for Adults and Kids  
(nursery - age 5)

## Stay Connected

- Check [gcchapel.org](http://gcchapel.org) for updates.
- Call us at 636-970-1311, Monday-Friday, 9 am - 4 pm.
- Email us at [office@gcchapel.org](mailto:office@gcchapel.org).
- Sign up for our e-newsletters at [gcchapel.org/lists](http://gcchapel.org/lists).
- Sign up for prayer chain emails or submit a prayer request at [gcchapel.org/prayer](http://gcchapel.org/prayer).
- Request counseling at [gcchapel.org/counseling](http://gcchapel.org/counseling).
- Find us on Facebook and Instagram: [Grace Community Chapel](#)
- Go to [gcchapel.org/about](http://gcchapel.org/about) to learn about our beliefs, mission, and leadership.

## Ministry Team

Visit [gcchapel.org/about](http://gcchapel.org/about) to email a member of the Ministry Team.

Jason Krute Senior Pastor

David Earley Worship Arts

Chris Lentz Adult Ministries

Daniel Maasen Outreach Pastor

Anthony Ochoa Student Ministries

Carrie Fisher Children's Ministries

## Online Resources

Can't attend in person? Missed a Sunday? Watch live or on demand at [YouTube.com](http://YouTube.com) or the Church Center app.

Go to [gcchapel.org/adults](http://gcchapel.org/adults) to find details about Adult Ministries.

Go to [gcchapel.org/kids](http://gcchapel.org/kids) to find details about Kids Ministries.

Go to [gcchapel.org/students](http://gcchapel.org/students) to find details about Student Ministries.

## Take the Next Steps

Get to know us better by attending these classes, which are required for membership at GCC.

### SHARING GRACE

Understand the culture of our church and our passion to walk an authentic Christian life.

**March 23 @11:15 am Room 110**

### DISCOVERING GRACE

Ask specific questions about our Statement of Faith, doctrines, and priorities.

**March 30 @11:15 am Room 110**

### LUNCH AT GRACE

Meet our ministry team and hear the heart of our church.

**April 6 @12:15 pm Hope Hall**

RSVP at [gcchapel.org/events](http://gcchapel.org/events)

## Church Center App

Details at [gcchapel.org/app](http://gcchapel.org/app)

- Simplified giving
- Easy event signups
- Kids check-in
- Church directory
- Connecting with small groups

# The Bad News

## Ephesians 2:1-3 | Jason Krute, Senior Pastor

### The Old Creation

...you were dead in the trespasses and sins...

- our former state was spiritual death; separation from God
- Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 4:17-19; Colossians 2:13-14; Titus 3:3-7

...once walked, following the course of this world...

- they (Ephesian Christians) used to (past tense) have a different attitude and priority in life
- Jeremiah 7:23-24; 1 Corinthians 3:18-21a; Colossians 1:21; 1 Peter 4:1-3

...the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience...

- contrast to the Spirit that has sealed them
- 1 Corinthians 2:11-13; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 6:12; 1 John 5:19

...we all once lived in the passions of our flesh...

- we all had chased selfish motives at one point; we all needed to be ransomed out (redeemed)
- Satan deceives people to think their good behavior is enough to be good with God (Paul recognizes this deception from his life in Philippians 3)

...carrying out the desires of the body and the mind...

- to reuse the phrase from Judges, we all have had the attitude of “everyone did what was right in their own eyes”
- Judges 17:6; 21:25; Deuteronomy 12:8



Solomon and Ruby Kendagor are based in St. Louis but have a truly global ministry.

From their basement broadcasting studio, they reach over 5 million people across 58 countries through television, radio, and Facebook Bible studies. They are also actively involved in mentoring and supporting international students in their local community.

In addition to their local work, the Kendagors frequently travel to Africa to train and equip pastors and other Christian leaders. This summer, they will travel to Togo and Benin to lead a five-day conference with attendees from 14 West African countries, including pastors and government leaders. A key focus will be the impact of voodoo and witchcraft, which remain major challenges for the Christian church in the region.

As you pray for the Kendagors, praise God for their ongoing work both here and in Africa. Pray for this upcoming conference, that God's word would prevail over the false teaching and spiritual strongholds in Africa.

March's Change for Change offering will go towards their travel expenses for this vital trip. If you'd like to give, drop your donation in one of the offering boxes in the building, or [give online](#).

February's C4C will go to KMM to help cover camp expenses this summer. Total giving as of 2/23/2025: \$5,136

**BUDGET UPDATE AS OF 1/31/25**

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
<b>OPERATING MONTHLY</b>	\$131,940	\$101,051	\$101,051
<b>OPERATING YTD</b>	\$131,940	\$111,960	\$111,960
<b>MISSIONS MONTHLY</b>	\$24,400	\$20,168	\$42,404
<b>MISSIONS YTD</b>	\$24,400	\$20,168	\$42,404
<b>CASH ON HAND (12/31/24)</b>		<i>3.1 (TARGET 2-2.5 Months)</i>	

**2/23 WEEKLY GIVING:** OPERATING \$38,683 MISSIONS \$20,112

[Give online](#), by mail, or in person using an offering box in the worship center.

**FEBRUARY 23 ATTENDANCE:** In person - 522 Online -58

## This Week

Visit [gcchapel.org](http://gcchapel.org) or call the church office for more information about ministries at GCC.

### MONDAY

6:00 PM MOG Bible Study  
6:30 PM DivorceCare  
8:00 PM Piloga

### TUESDAY

2:00 PM Precept Bible Study  
6:30 PM WOG Bible Study  
7:00 PM Precept Bible Study  
7:00 PM Youth Group

### WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM WOG Bible Study

### THURSDAY

6:30 PM AWANA  
6:30 PM WOG Bible Study

### SATURDAY

8.00 AM Men's Breakfast - *Men, invite your daughters and granddaughters!*

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Details and registration at [gcchapel.org/events](http://gcchapel.org/events) or on the Church Center app.

**Men of Grace Breakfast | Saturday, Mar 8 | 8:00 am in Hope Hall**

*For our March Men's Breakfast, we're inviting our daughters and granddaughters to join us!* We'll have a hearty breakfast as we enjoy a time of good food and fellowship. There is no need to register, and there is no fee, but an offering will be taken.

**PrimeTimers Hymn Sing | Saturday, Mar 22 | 3-5 pm | Adult Central**

If you're age 55 or older, you're invited to join us in singing some of your favorite hymns as we "Make a Joyful Noise!" Please register on our events page.

## Come to the Easter Carnival!

**Saturday, April 12 | 9:00-11:00 am (recommended ages 3-12 years old)**

Bring the family for a fun-filled Easter Carnival! Travel together through a series of game and activity booths where you'll hear about the meaning of Easter while collecting prize-filled eggs along the way!

The carnival will take around an hour from start to finish and will be held inside on the main level of our building.

We can't wait to celebrate Easter with you and your family!

*Learn more, volunteer, or sign up on our events page.*